

A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of L. Earl Bentz to
the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-1-201(a), provides for an
“independent and separate administrative board of conservation for game, fish and wildlife of
the state...., to be known and referred to as the wildlife resources commission...., to consist of
the commissioner of environment and conservation, the commissioner of agriculture and nine
(9) citizens of the state, which citizens shall be well informed on the subject of the conservation
of game animals, birds and fish within the state, and shall be appointed by the governor....”, and

WHEREAS, a vacancy on the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission exists in
Wildlife District 5, which is made up in part by Davidson County; and

WHEREAS, L. Earl Bentz has his principal place of residence in Davidson County; and

WHEREAS, Governor Don Sundquist has determined to appoint L. Earl Bentz to the
open seat on the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission for District 5 for one (1) term,
which expires March 1, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bentz is an avid sportsman and outdoorsman and is well informed on
the subject of the conservation of game animals, birds and fish within the State of Tennessee;
and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bentz is a successful businessman and currently serves as vice-
president of the Outboard Marine Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bentz is on the board of Directors for the National Association of Boat
Manufacturers and is a member of the American Sportfishing Association, the National Wild
Turkey Federation, Quail Unlimited, the Safari Club International and the Bayou Club in
Abbeville, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bentz is the author of the award-winning book "The Bass Boat Bible;"
and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bentz has participated in Formula One Outboard Racing with Team Mercury in Oshkosh, Wisconsin and has won 9 National Championship and 2 World Championships; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-1-201(b)(1), provides that each commissioner appointed to the Wildlife Resources Commission "shall" be confirmed by Joint Resolution of the General Assembly prior to beginning his term of office; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That this General Assembly, by Joint Resolution, does hereby confirm the appointment of L. Earl Bentz, Jr. to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission, Wildlife District 5, said term to expire on March 1, 2001.